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Recovery Operations Completed at Maxwell Locks

PITTSBURGH – The US Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency, has completed recovery operations at [Maxwell Locks and Dam](#) on the Monongahela River where a fishing boat with two passengers capsized below the dam. The recovery team determined that river conditions were stable enough this morning to initiate search operations safely. At approximately 9:45 a.m. Corps divers, who are familiar with the facility and dangerous underwater conditions below the dam, entered the water in the restricted area downstream of Tainter Gate #1 on the dam to search for the missing boaters and recover their bodies, if possible.

During the dive, which concluded at approximately 11:15 a.m., Corps divers conducted a thorough search of the dam below Tainter Gate #1. The divers did not locate the missing boaters in the area. The search consisted of two divers, each separately searching the face of the dam structure followed by a sweep search of the area including the baffles.

“Our thoughts remain with the families during this difficult time.” said Lieutenant Colonel Peter A. Steinig, acting Pittsburgh District Engineer.

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